

REMARKS

The indication that claims 1-4 have been allowed is acknowledged with thanks. In reliance thereon, claims 5-13 have been canceled to place the application in condition for allowance.

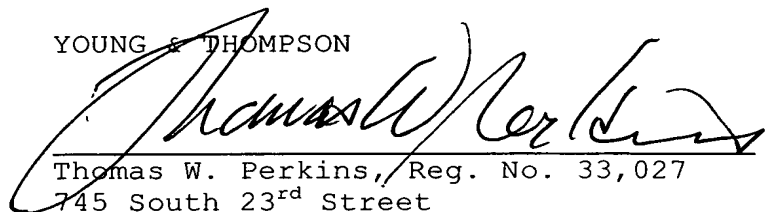
Claims 11-13 were rejected as anticipated by OSHIMI et al. 6,169,794. These claims have been canceled and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the present amendment, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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